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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

1. PLEASE DELIVER AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE, THE
FOLLOWING LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR STRAUSS TO FOREIGN
MINISTER ANDERSEN.

BEGIN TEXT.

DEAR MR. FOREIGN MINISTER:

I VERY MUCH LOOK FORWARD TO OUR MEETING OF APRIL 6 IN
COPENHAGEN AND I FULLY EXPECT THAT WE WILL HAVE A VERY
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PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSION ON HOW WE CAN BEST ASSURE THE SUC-
CESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU EXPECT TO CONVENE A MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON APRIL 4 AND THAT THE TRADE NEGOTIA-
TIONS WILL BE ON THE AGENDA. IN PARTICULAR, I UNDERSTAND
THAT THE COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER A COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO

FOREIGN TARIFF OFFERS. I WOULD HOPE THAT THE MAJOR THRUST OF THE COMMUNITY'S NEGOTIATING EFFORT WILL BE AIMED AT AN EXAMINATION OF THE QUALITY OF OFFERS NOW ON THE TABLE AND AN IMPROVEMENT OF THESE OFFERS. ANY WITHDRAWALS OF OFFERS

SHOULD BE RESERVED FOR A LATER STAGE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. IN ANY EVENT, I WOULD HOPE THAT ANY COMMUNITY DECISIONS WITH RESPECT TO POTENTIAL WITHDRAWALS WILL NOT PREJUDICE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF OUR MUTUALLY AGREED TARIFF-CUTTING GOAL.

I AM CONFIDENT THAT WITH YOUR SKILLFUL LEADERSHIP THE COUNCIL WILL MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION, AND THAT WE WILL HAVE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY ON APRIL 6 TO EXCHANGE IDEAS HOW TO KEEP THESE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE RIGHT TRACK.

SINCERELY YOURS,

(SIGN ROBERT S. STRAUSS)

ROBERT S. STRAUSS

END TEXT. COOPER

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